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Herseth Statement On Passing Of Pope John Paul II

Rep. Herseth joins with Roman Catholics within her family and across the world and people of all faiths who mourn the passing of Pope John Paul II.

"His legacy is one of compassion and conviction," Herseth said. "He exemplified Christ's call for peace and forgiveness. He was instrumental in hastening the fall of communism and has been a tireless advocate of human rights throughout the world."

Herseth's prayers will be with the leadership of the Roman Catholic Church as they gather over the coming days to determine Pope John Paul II's successor.